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Crow's Nest Pass Agreement and Port Development at Vancouver of Vital Concern to People of West

Harbor Commissioners Appointed for Political Fealty—Public Credit Will Be Used for Private Exploitation by Lessees of Woodward Elevator

By ROBERT GARDINER, M.P.

The business now before Parliament is not of a spectacular nature, it being for the most part amendments to existing legislation and the consideration of estimates of expenditure for the public service. It is quite true that estimates of expenditure are very important matters from the viewpoint of the taxpayers inasmuch as a proper consideration will determine just what services are necessary and consequently the amount of taxes that must be collected.

There are two questions that I desire to discuss more particularly in this article, namely, the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement and the Development of the Port of Vancouver.

MAXIMUM RATES FIXED BY AGREEMENT

Without going into the whole history of the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement, it will be sufficient for my present purpose to remind members that, under this Agreement, rates on grain and grain products from points in the Prairie Provinces to Fort William and Port Arthur, and thirteen manufactured articles originating east of Fort William, must not be higher than the rate specified in the Agreement. Owing to the increased cost of operating our railway systems during the war, legislation was passed suspending the Agreement until July 7th, 1922, and placing the rates on these commodities under the control of the Board of Railway Commissioners. Had no further legislation been passed, the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement rates would have automatically come into effect on the above mentioned date.

ATTITUDE OF GOVERNMENT NOT YET APPARENT

The question as to whether there should be a further suspension of the Agreement was a live issue during the 1922 session of Parliament, culminating

Discussing the development of the Port of Vancouver, Mr. Gardiner points out that British buyers have expressed their satisfaction at the high quality and uniformity of grades of wheat bought at the Coast port, where there is no mixing of grades, and are now willing to pay a premium on contract grades via the Western route. "Thanks to the action of the Harbor Board", he declares, "this will be changed in the future," by the leasing of the Woodward elevator to a company "mainly composed of Edmonton Liberals", which is not investing its own money for building purposes. The lease contains a clause permitting the lessees to buy and sell grain. "This is in the final analysis", says Mr. Gardiner, "means that it will become a private terminal elevator with all the privileges of a private terminal, including that of mixing."

in a compromise, wherein the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement rates on grain and grain products would be again effective on July 7th of that year, the rates on the thirteen commodities being suspended for a period of one year, with a proviso that the Governor-General-in-Council might pass an Order-in-Council still further suspending the Agreement for one more year. Rumors in Parliament are to the effect that those interested in a further suspension are using all the persuasion they can to try and induce the Government to lay before Parliament a measure for the purpose of suspending the Crow's Nest Agreement rates on the thirteen commodities for a further period of years. The attitude of the Government in relation to this request is not yet apparent. Western people may, however, rest assured that their representatives will demand a full restoration of the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement rates when the present suspension expires on July 6th.

THE PORT OF VANCOUVER AND ALBERTA FARMERS

The completion and opening of the Panama Canal made possible the shipping of Alberta grain to the world's markets via the Port of Vancouver. Some doubt was expressed as to how wheat would stand the journey through the Panama. The experience gained during the last two years has demonstrated that wheat can with safety be shipped by this route. The development of the Port so as to provide adequate facilities to handle the business offered is of prime importance to the Alberta farmers. With the exception of such docks as are owned by the railway companies, most of the facilities, including the grain-elevators are owned by the Dominion Government. The facilities owned by



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Chairman of the U. F. A. Group in the
House of Commons.

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Lack of Adequate Moisture in Some Parts of Alberta

Fair Rains From Calgary North to Red Deer and in the South—Rain Badly Needed in East

(By Publicity Commissioner, Edmonton)

EDMONTON, June 27th.—Reports received during the present week indicate that in the country south of Calgary, along the Calgary and Macleod line and the Aldersyde branch, there is an ample supply of rain and crops are doing well. In the extreme east of the Province there has been some rainfall, but more is needed. In the territory north of Calgary, as far as Red Deer, crops are doing well, and there has been a fair supply of moisture. From Red Deer north to Leduc and over the Province to the eastern boundary, rain is badly needed, and in some of these districts the crop is showing the effect of the lack of moisture.

In the Edmonton district the crops are doing well but rain is needed. There has been some rain in the Peace River country during the past few days, and this has helped the situation somewhat, but more rain is needed very soon.

In some of the districts where there has been little rain, wire worms and cut worms have done some damage to the crop, and in the Peace River district, both in the Grande Prairie country and the Waterhole country, there is considerable trouble with grasshoppers, but energetic measures are being taken to control this pest, and no serious loss of crop will result.

TARIFF DOES NOT HELP U. S. WHEAT GROWER
(Manitoba Free Press)

The Northwestern Miller, of Minneapolis, quotes figures to show that while the recent increase in the United States duty has been successful in keeping Canadian wheat out of that country, it has not given the United States grower of wheat higher prices. In fact prices have fallen. On March 7th, the day of the presidential proclamation increasing the duty by 12 cents, the price of No. 1 Northern cash wheat in Minneapolis ranged from \$1.16 to \$1.22; on April 7th, when the new duty went into effect, the range was from \$1.11 to \$1.16; on June 2nd, it was from \$1.09 to \$1.15.

This drop was not the result of Canadian competition, for during those three months only 3,500 bushels of Canadian wheat were imported by the United States. "The past seven weeks, ought," says the Miller, "to be sufficient to prove to anybody that imports of wheat alone from Canada or from anywhere else, cannot be held chiefly responsible for low domestic prices."

FOR WHEAT POOL MEMBERS ONLY

The Garden Plain Threshers passed a resolution recently declaring their intention to thresh for members of the Alberta Wheat Pool only. This organization is composed of U. F. A. members in the Garden Plain district, and was formed for the purpose of co-operating in threshing their crops.

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EDITORIAL

Elsewhere in this issue we reprint from the Calgary Alberta the letter in which a number of Farmer members of the House of Commons define their position in reference to the Progressive caucus, together with Mr. Forke's reply.

The U. F. A. representatives were of course elected in accordance with a plan of democratic action which is fundamentally opposed to the old political party system, and it was never the intention of the U. F. A. to create a new party after the pattern of the old. The U. F. A. plan of action has been determined by successive Conventions of the organization, the Annual Provincial Convention of the U. F. A. being the supreme authority in all Association matters.

In the field of legislative action it has always been intended that the U. F. A. elected representatives should seek to co-operate with all other groups in the advancement of progressive legislation, and this policy is followed in the House of Commons. Close co-operation with Farmer representatives from other Provinces is sought, but reversion to the political party system has never been contemplated by the Association, nor has it ever been the intention of the Association that its representatives should become subservient to this system.

The U. F. A. in the constituency of Grouard has not in the past been so thoroughly organized or numerically so strong as in many other constituencies, but the membership has now decided to provide the electors of the constituency with an opportunity to choose between a candidate nominated by themselves, and a candidate imposed from without by a party machine, and also to express their disapproval of the methods which have been employed in the conduct of past elections in this constituency. The membership of the Association throughout the Province will wish the U. F. A. success in Grouard. The candidate is endorsed by the Labor forces in the district. While elected U.F.A. representatives in the Legislature do not undertake the task of political organization, which is a function of the people themselves, the legislative and administrative record of the U. F. A. Government should prove a source of strength to the workers in the constituency campaign.

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J. R. Boyle's personal organizer would perform a real service to the farmers of this Province if he could induce the Edmonton Liberals who have obtained from a body of political appointees on the Vancouver Harbor Commission the control of an elevator built and paid for by the people of Canada, to deliver a series of addresses in the rural districts on "How we are going to 'help the farmer'."

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Under the heading, "Spending Capacity of the Farmer Government," the Calgary Herald in a recent editorial launched an attack on the U. F. A. Government, quoting statistics of the Provincial expenditure per head of the population over a period during the greater part of which the

present Government was not in power. The editorial concluded with the words, "In these figures, certainly, there is no indication of that economy of expenditure, no sign of that improvement in methods of government and administration, that the farmers claimed would be the result of returning a Farmer Government to power."

We invite the Herald to reproduce the comparative chart of Provincial expenditures per capita published elsewhere in this issue. The chart is copied from the Financial Times of June 29th, 1923. It indicates the increases or decreases in expenditure per capita in the various Provinces in the period from 1917 to 1922 inclusive.

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One of our readers asks whether the Herald's analysis of Provincial statistics is to be regarded as an attempt to enlighten the public or the prelude to a political campaign. Perhaps the Herald can answer this.

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At the last session of the Alberta Legislature attention was called to false statements of facts and figures concerning Provincial affairs reported to have been made by leading members of the Liberal party in public speeches. In one instance it was claimed by the Liberal member concerned that he had been misreported. In others the charges were not denied. A full account of these incidents in the Assembly was given in "The U. F. A." press reports.

We call attention to this matter because, judging by the press reports, Mr. Boyle's personally appointed organizer is making misstatement of fact and figures in speeches delivered in this Province. It is possible that at meetings from which the press is absent an even greater recklessness may be displayed.

There was a time in the history of Alberta when this sort of thing was considered "good politics". By some leading members of the Liberal party and by Mr. Boyle's personal agent it is apparently considered good politics today. We do not believe, however, that the majority of the Liberal members in the Legislature give their sanction to the methods which are being employed. In the long run they will not even prove "good politics."

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The Farm and Ranch Review, in the issue in which it declares its inability to serve two masters, announces a tariff policy for the farmers which, if acted upon, would deliver them into the hands of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

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The result of the adoption of the Dawes' report on German reparations, if its terms are carried out, will be to deliver the German people bound hand and foot into the hands of the international financiers whose power over European politics is constantly increasing.

"It will set up," as Major C. H. Douglas stated recently in the London Star, "a super-state with powers far transcending those of any Parliament, and whose authority would be wielded by individuals whose names might be almost unknown, and who would be as little amenable to public control as, for instance the governing director of the Bank of England." The writer points out, incidentally, that an international bank, similar to the bank which it is proposed to set up for the control of German finances, was founded two years ago under the auspices of the League of Nations, and "charges interest on its loans at 104 per cent. per annum."

While the adoption of the report will stabilize the serfdom of the German people, its effect upon the industries of the allied countries must undoubtedly be serious. If Germany is to fulfill its terms, she must export vastly increased

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The U. F. A. Juniors Hold Fifth Annual Convention

Youth of the Organization Active Workers for the Association—Security for the Future of the United Farmers' Movement—Dalemead Wins the Junior Banner for Most Efficient Local

By Miss J. B. KIDD, Secretary Junior Branch

For the fifth time in its history, the Junior U. F. A. assembled for its annual business session at the University of Alberta on the afternoon of June 7th, sixty-eight delegates being in attendance.

An early speaker was Premier Greenfield, who expressed his pleasure in the growth of the Junior U. F. A. and in the interest which is being taken in this conference of farm young people throughout the Province.

"I take it," said the Premier, "that the purpose of you young people here is to improve yourselves by acquiring knowledge. Knowledge properly applied is very valuable, but should always be applied unselfishly. If not, it is like money hoarded in a stocking; it lies there idle when it should be in circulation. Now, if you are here to gain knowledge, you should use it in the way that I have indicated, and pass it along to your fellowmen."

No Danger of Rusting Out

"The day will come," said Mr. Greenfield, "when those who now lead the farmers in this country will either wear out or pass away. I do not think there is any danger of them rusting out. The

reason why we like to have you youngsters come here is to stimulate your desire for knowledge, so that when the time comes that our present leaders must be replaced, either locally or otherwise, we will have this field to draw upon. We want to have you come here year by year so that you will gain a proper vision of the possibilities of developing yourselves for the responsibilities which soon will be yours."

In conclusion, the Premier said: "The purpose of the U. F. A., put into a sentence is to develop an active intelligent citizenry. That means living not for your self alone, but living that you may improve the conditions in which you live. This Junior organization will justify its existence just in so far as it furthers that great main purpose."

At the conclusion of the Premier's address, Mr. A. E. Ottewell, director of the Department of Extension, addressed the Convention, outlining the method in which the University of Alberta functions through the University Act, the Board of Governors, the Senate and the various faculties.

Mrs. R. B. Gunn brought greetings from the U. F. W. A., and Mr. H. E. G.

H. Scholefield gave a message of encouragement from the U. F. A.

Three Fields of Endeavor

Mrs. R. Clarke Fraser, Convener of Young Peoples' Work, reported very fully on the development of the Junior Section, and its relation to the parent organization. Mrs. Fraser stressed the place of citizenship in the Junior program. She described the three great fields for endeavor in proving our citizenship as the home, the school and the community. "Very often we sit down," said Mrs. Fraser, "and say, 'If I only were in this position or that,' 'If I only had this or that, what a good citizen should be.' Girls, we cannot all be Mrs. Parlby or Mrs. Gunns. Boys, you cannot all be Mr. Greenfields or Mr. Woods; but we can all do our duty as we find it every day and do it to the best of our ability. And if we do that, we are proving our citizenship just as much as if we occupied some high position, for it is only by doing our every-day duty creditably that we can be prepared for a higher position should it be offered us."

The addresses of the president, Mr. Donald Cameron Jr., and of the vice-

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BOARD OF THE JUNIOR U. F. A. FOR 1924-1925

Back Row (Left to Right)—Wm. Danailenko, Loyalist, Director for Battle River Constituency; Fred Zimmerman, Ponoka, Director for Strathcona Constituency; Willis Jaques, Sunnyside, Director for Medicine Hat Constituency; Chas. Hornstra, Dalemead, Director for East Calgary Constituency; Mrs. R. Clarke Fraser, Convener Young People's Work; Harold Lind, Nanton, Director for Mac. Jeod; Emil Sather, Blackfalds, Director for Red Deer; Fred Brooks, Westlock, Director for West Edmonton.

Front Row (Left to Right)—Miss J. B. Kidd, Calgary, Secretary; Miss Effie Hogg, Huxley, Director for Bow River; Donald Cameron Jr., President; Miss Gladys Eddie, Carstairs, Director for West Calgary; Mrs. R. B. Gunn, New Lindsay, Member Senior Committee on Young People's Work.

Miss Vera Carson, Namao, Vice-President, was not present when the photo was taken.

Junior U.F.A. President Describes Activities and Purposes of the Young People's Branch of the Organization

U. F. A. the Most Important Factor in Public Life of the People of the Farms, and Therefore of the Majority of the People, Declares Donald Cameron, Jr., in First Address to Annual Convention of the Senior Organization

As the representative of the Junior U. F. A. in this Province, allow me to express to you, on behalf of our organization, our deep appreciation of having the privilege of a place on your program at this Convention. Although the Junior Branch has been a part of the U. F. A. for a number of years, this is the first time that a representative of the Juniors has had a place on the program of the senior Convention and, whilst we appreciate the honor done us, we are more inclined to regard it as another step up on the ladder of progress, and I hope that in future Conventions the Juniors will have their regular place on the program and that they will continue to receive due recognition from the senior organization.

Plan of Organization

Upon the formation of a Junior Branch the plan of organization adopted was to have the work carried on under the committee system—that is, a committee on Junior work was selected more or less at random to promote Junior work in the Province. This system was in vogue until the Junior Conference held in Edmonton in 1921, when the change was made to the present system of having a director for each Federal constituency together with a president and vice-president and an executive committee of the directors. This Junior committee works with the senior committee on young people's work. In changing our system of organization one of our delegates who no doubt wanted to live up to our slogan of "Equal Rights for All," suggested that we pair neighboring constituencies and elect a girl from one and a boy from the other, thus making six girls and six boys on our directorate. This system, although being an improvement on the committee system, was not satisfactory either; in this way, that it deprived us of some of our best material. For this reason, at our 1922 convention we adopted our present plan of electing the ones who are best fitted to fill the position, regardless of whether they are boys or girls, and at present we have four girls on our directorate.

The Fourfold Program

As most of you know, we follow the fourfold plan of development in the Junior organization. The program is Educational, Vocational, Recreational and Economic.

We have conducted experiments from time to time to try and create more interest in the Junior work. One of our first attempts was to try to organize a Provincial debating society, but owing to the financial difficulties we have experienced in the last few years, our first attempt wasn't as successful as it might have been. Nor was this the only reason. In order that a debating contest of that nature be successful we should have our Locals close together, so that the expense of an elimination series would not be so great. However, in

We print in full below the address on the work of the Junior U. F. A. given before the Annual Convention of the senior organization, by Donald Cameron, Junior. This address has not hitherto been given publicity. In conjunction with the report of the annual business session of the Young People's organization, published elsewhere in this issue, Mr. Cameron's report will give a very comprehensive understanding of the activities of this branch of the Association, which promises to become an increasing source of strength to the senior branches of the U. F. A.

spite of the fact that we did not proceed with the Provincial contest several individual Locals took the matter up and had quite successful local debates.

Our 1923 Conference

Our annual convention, held during University Week each year, is showing a marked improvement every year, although the hard times have been responsible for cutting down the attendance. At the convention or business session last year a resolution was passed requesting all district associations to appoint a committee on young people's work in their executives. This was done, primarily to secure more support from the senior organization and to keep them in better touch with the Junior work and also to secure assistance for the Junior directors, who very often were new to the work and found it difficult to get along alone, whereas if assisted by a senior director, they would feel more like going ahead.

Another resolution which was passed was one requesting every Local to try to organize another one during the coming year and to try to make our 1924 Conference the most successful yet.

The University Week for farm young people put on by the Department of Extension and the College of Agriculture is one of the most interesting phases of our work, and I am sure that every boy or girl who has had the privilege of attending one of these conferences has gone home fired with new ideals and greater enthusiasm for his or her work in the profession of agriculture.

The week is made up of lectures on practical agriculture, history, health talks and trips to the various points of interest.

Last year we had the pleasure of having both the President of the U.F.W.A., the Vice-President of the U. F. A. and the convener of young people's work with us during the whole of University Week and their addresses were enjoyed as much as any on the program. I am sure that we would be pleased to have them at our next Conference and as many more of the senior executive as could get away.

Co-Operative Marketing

Mrs. Sears brought up the subject of

co-operative marketing during her address to the Convention and some of the Junior Locals are taking it up at this time. This is a subject with which all farmers should be familiar and if the seniors don't watch out they will find that the Juniors will be setting the pace in taking up progressive and up-to-the-minute subjects.

Efficiency Contest

Another step we have taken this year is the inauguration of a Provincial Efficiency Contest for Junior Locals. A scale of points is drawn up on a questionnaire sent to all Junior Secretaries, covering every phase of Junior work. Points are given for the program, conduct of meetings, attendance, and report given at the Junior Conference. A banner will be awarded to the Local obtaining the largest number of points on the year's work, the banner to be won two years in succession before it becomes the property of the Local.

Lectures From Varsity

Arrangements have also been made with the College of Agriculture to supply a series of lectures on practical agriculture. These lectures are sent to Central Office and are available to all Locals desiring either senior or Junior.

The first of the lectures is: "The Live Stock Industry in Relation to Western Canada Agriculture," by Prof. Sackville, of the College of Agriculture, and the other lectures will all be on subjects of interest to the farmer and are arranged so that when the complete series is taken the Local receiving them will have had a very interesting and instructive winter program.

These lectures can be used as a basis for a good winter's program and should help to create interest in our Locals. This may be only the start of a regular correspondence course in agriculture.

No Cause To Bemoan Fate

We boys and girls on the farm, although deprived of the ready made and artificial amusements of the city, have no cause to waste our evenings in bemoaning the unhappy fate which decreed that we should earn our living in pursuit of the ancient and honorable profession of agriculture. Rather we should turn this very fact into a splendid opportunity—an opportunity to spend many enjoyable and profitable evenings in the pursuit of a better knowledge and understanding of one another, the world in which we live, and the many problems which confront us in the ordinary course of our daily lives.

Splendid Opportunities

We have splendid opportunities before us and it is a duty we owe to ourselves to see that we make the most of them.

Every boy and every girl in each and every community has a responsibility both to himself and herself and to the community, and the same applies to every

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News of the Organization

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information From Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Pembina Constituency Convention July 16

Full Discussion of Resolutions Hoped for at Annual Gathering

To the Secretaries,
U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Locals, Pembina Constituency.

The midsummer convention of the Pembina Constituency Association will be held at Barrhead, Wednesday, July 16th, 1924, starting at 11 o'clock. A good program is being arranged and in addition to local speakers, Mr. D. M. Kennedy, M.P. for Edmonton, has promised to be present.

Delegates may be appointed from the Locals on either their 1923 or 1924 membership and it is hoped that all Locals will be represented.

Ladies of the Barrhead district will serve meals to delegates and visitors.

Locals are requested to make full use of this convention for the discussion of resolutions.

Yours very truly,
A. R. BROWN,
Secretary.

U. F. A. SUNDAY AT BOW ISLAND

Special music was an enjoyable feature of the U. F. A. Sunday service held in the Bow Island hall, which was very largely attended. There was a number of splendid numbers by a choir of twelve voices, a piano solo by Mrs. Hockin, and hearty community singing. Mr. August Flamme was chairman.

W. S. Henry spoke of the aims and ideals of the U. F. A., which, he declared, were reasonable and attainable, and enumerated the principal obstacles as lack of knowledge of some of the farmers, failure to realize their interdependence and selfishness.

Rev. Mr. Hockin spoke of the spiritual side of the organization, of its power and achievements. He commended the stand of the U. F. A. on the liquor question.

Mr. Hockin was the speaker at a U. F. A. Sunday service at Haig, also, following a number of musical selections.

SEVEN HUNDRED PERSONS AT ALLIANCE GATHERING

Although the weather was cloudy and unsettled, more than 700 persons gathered at the Lorraine bridge, south of Alliance, on U. F. A. Sunday. Mr. Carl P. Colvin, of Merna, was the chairman, and the speakers included F. W. Smith, of Sedgewick; Rev. W. H. Holden, Rev. W. J. Haggith, of Coronation, and Rev. Mr. Wilson. The Meadow View and Castor Community Choir, assisted by an orchestra of four pieces rendered several anthems, and selections by the Castor Band during the afternoon were greatly appreciated.

EXPECTS 100 PER CENT. ENROLMENT

Renewed interest in the organization is reported by W. J. Watson, secretary of Glevennah Local, who expects that everyone in the vicinity will be a member of the Local before harvest.

DISCUSSES ORGANIZATION

Wm. Hazhurst, of Minburn High School, addressed a large meeting of Boling Green Local recently, dealing with the principles of organization. This was followed by an excellent program, and dancing, for which a small charge was made. Two new members were added to the Local on this occasion.

MEMBER TO ADDRESS CONVENTION

In a letter to "The U. F. A.", Ray Anderson, secretary of the Acadia U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association, states that Lorne Proudfoot, the member for the constituency in the Alberta Legislative Assembly, will be present at the annual convention of the association to be held in Bussard's Hall, Cereal, on July 5th, commencing at 10 a.m., and will be fully prepared to answer any and all questions concerning the last session of the Legislature.

Didsbury Convention to Be Held July 24th

The annual convention of the Didsbury U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. District Association will be held in Carstairs July 24th, commencing at 10 a.m. The board of directors are requested to meet at 9 a.m. on the same day.

J. S. EARLE,
Sec'y-Treasurer.

EIGHT WAYS OF KILLING A LOCAL

I'm enclosing different ways of killing a Local:

1. Do not attend; if you do, come late.
2. Don't go if the weather is too hot, too cold, too wet or too dry.
3. Show dissatisfaction with everything and every one.
4. Knock members who try to do things; accuse them of having ulterior motives.
5. Don't pay your dues, make the secretary dun you; then act like you were doing him a favor.
6. Accept as members people whom you know are enemies of the movement.
7. If some one expresses an opinion you do not agree with, immediately come to the conclusion that the organization will never amount to a "darn", and say so everywhere.
8. If everything is running smoothly, start something.

C. L. FULLER.
Sec'y-Treas. St. Paul Con. Pol. Assn.
Mooswa, Alta.

PRINTED PROGRAMS USEFUL

Loyalty Local have found it a great help in securing a good attendance for meetings, writes the secretary, Wm. H. Hoppins, to have printed programs. Mr. Hoppins suggests that other Locals might find this suggestion useful.

MEANOOK LOCAL

Meanook Local was organized recently with John A. Macintyre president and Fred Macintyre secretary.

Little Bow Convenes Carmangay July 30th

McPherson, Greenfield and Coote Expected to Speak at Annual Gathering The Annual Convention of Little Bow U. F. A. Constituency Association will be held in Community Hall, Carmangay, July 30th, commencing at 1:30 o'clock. There will be an evening session.

The afternoon session will deal with organization reports, consider resolutions, etc., elect officers, and listen to a speech by O. L. McPherson, M.L.A.

It is hoped to have Premier Greenfield or one of the Cabinet Ministers, and G. G. Coote, M.P. for Macleod, speaks in the evening.

ASK REDUCTION TO ONE-QUARTER CROP

Two resolutions dealing with mortgage legislation were passed by the Cabin Lake Local at a recent meeting, as follows:

"Whereas, the mortgage companies are forcing farmers to give one-third crop leases (this absolutely clear of all expense),
"And whereas, it is impossible to give this share and continue farming under present conditions;

"Therefore be it resolved, that we urge the Government to amend the law so as to provide that the mortgage companies be restricted to one-quarter of the net proceeds of the year's crop."

"That we do hereby vigorously protest at the restoration of the personal covenant in mortgages and feel that further concessions to the vested interests would constitute a grave breach of confidence."

COLLECTIVE BUYING FROM ADVERTISER IN "U. F. A."

"The Good Cheer Local is pleased to report some progress this year," states Edger P. Daniel, secretary-treasurer, in a letter to "The U. F. A." "Despite some removals from the vicinity, the membership has increased. As a result of a series of successful whist drives, dances, box-socials, etc., our treasury has a balance on the right side, and we are contemplating the purchase of a radio outfit. Considerable collective buying has been done—the latest being a car of fence posts from an advertiser in "The U. F. A."

"On June 15th our members turned out en masse for the annual observance of U. F. A. Sunday. The address by Mr. J. Houston contained appropriate reference to Christian teachings and the organized farmers' aims. The speaker emphasized that each one of us has his or her task to perform—"The trivial round, the common task", faithfully performed, would bring its reward. 'For right is right, since God is God; and right, the day shall win; To doubt would be disloyalty,—To falter would be sin.' During the service, Mr. Houston rendered a beautiful solo; Handel's 'Largo' (on the organ) was given by the secretary."

U. F. A. SERVICE AT REDCLIFF

"Our annual U. F. A. service at Redcliff on June 15th was largely attended and an impressive sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Ellis," states P. H. Wedderburn, secretary of the Redcliff U. F. F.

A. District Association, in a letter to "The U. F. A." "A pleasing incident occurred just at the conclusion of the sermon, when a heavy and welcome rain broke over the town and surrounding district. In view of the fact that last year we had to postpone our service on account of rain, the suggestion was made that we have more U. F. A. Sundays."

The Maple Leaf, Breezelawn, Bowell, Harvest Vale and East Springs U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Locals participated in the service, which was held in the Empress Theatre. A trio was rendered by A. Dutton, S. Pender and Miss Lois Pender. Miss Hicks was organist.

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NEED REFRIGERATOR CAR

Delburne Local recently passed a resolution pointing out the serious depreciation in the value of eggs shipped from points on the Calgary and Edmonton railway, and strongly urging that a refrigerator car be placed on this line, for use in handling such perishable products as eggs.

SHORT COURSE IN DRESSMAKING

The short course in dressmaking, under the auspices of Landonville U. F. W. A. Local, held in the community hall at Landonville recently, was very successful. Mrs. Strauch, of the Olds School of Agriculture, conducted the course, and explained the making of the kimona dress without a pattern, cutting of collars and cuffs, use of bias for binding, etc. The twelve women who attended were unanimously of opinion that the three days had been well spent, and the Local hopes next year to arrange for a short course in millinery.

"There is always something mysterious about high finance. It is the only all-important collective human activity that guards its secrets from the newspapers, whose representatives penetrate at will the sanctums of politicians and even the boudoir, but are kept at bay by the banks."—Hon. Bertrand Russell in "The Survey."

MORTGAGES INCREASE BY BILLION DOLLARS YEARLY IN THE U. S.

According to a report of the National Association of Real Estate Boards of the United States, mortgages on farms, homes and business properties in the republic now total \$25,000,000,000, and are increasing at the rate of one billion dollars a year. These figures do not include mortgage loans and bonds secured by coal, timber and mineral lands, railways, city transport companies and industrial plants.

The total amount of mortgage indebtedness given above is greater than all the currency in circulation, together with all the gold and silver reserves in the United States treasury.

Restoration of Pass Agreement Will Substantially Reduce Rates in West

Present Rates on Many Important Commodities Are Now From 20 to 52 Per Cent. More in Alberta Than Rates Laid Down in Suspended Agreement
—Matter May be Under Discussion in Parliament This Week

Unless the Canadian Parliament intervenes to suspend the operation of the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement, the maximum freight rates fixed by the terms of this agreement will come into effect on July 7th, and will involve very substantial reduction as compared with the rates now being levied in Western Canada.

It is certain that if any serious attempt be made further to suspend the agreement, a vigorous fight will be made by the Farmer members of the house to secure to the people of the West the rights which they hold by contract with the railways, in return for very valuable concessions given to the railways by the Government at the time when the agreement was made.

Partial Restoration Saved Millions to Farmers

It will be remembered that as the outcome of a determined fight by Farmer members in the Special Committee on Transportation costs, the rates on grain and flour provided for in the agreement were restored in 1922, resulting in a saving of many millions of dollars to the farmers of the prairies in transportation costs on grain shipped east in the seasons of 1922-23 and 1923-24. The reduction in rates on wheat shipped from Alberta points was 7.2 cents per bushel, on oats 4.08 cents; on barley 5.76 cents; on rye and flax 6.72 cents.

The table given below shows the increases over the Crow's Nest Pass rates

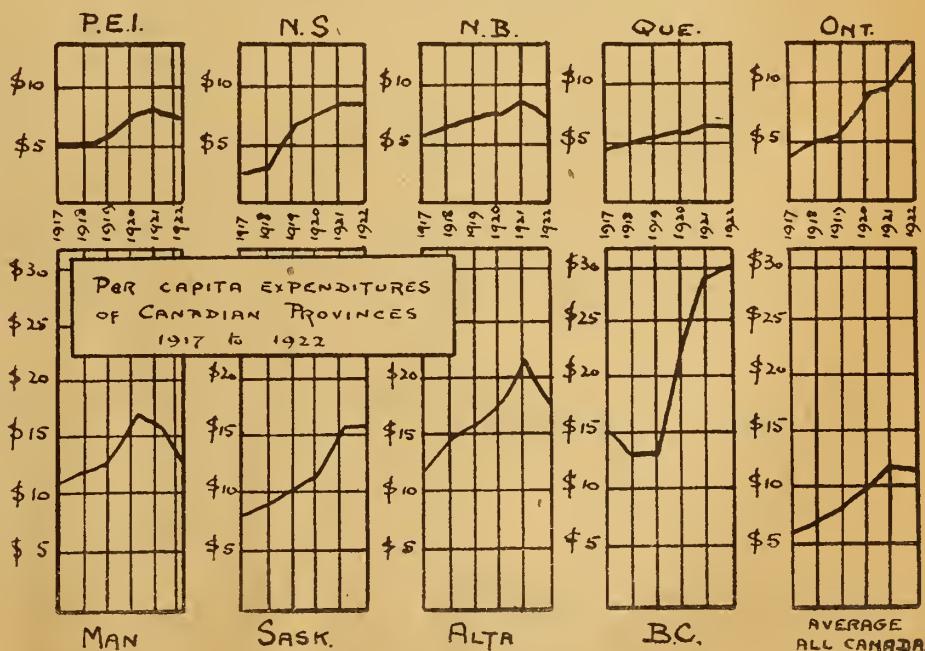
upon various other commodities which were granted to the railways during the war, when the agreement was suspended. If the agreement is now restored, the old rates, originally determined in 1898 by the terms of a contract which bound the railways not to exceed these rates under any circumstances, will be restored. The figures are taken from a memorandum submitted to the Dominion Government by the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways. It will be noticed that the rates to Edmonton and Saskatoon are relatively higher than the rates to other points. As a writer in the Manitoba Free Press has pointed out, this discrepancy is used by the railways as an argument in favor of repeal of the Crow's Nest Pass schedule. In point of fact, however, this discrepancy could not continue, in view of the rule against discriminatory rates, so the argument of the companies loses its validity.

Comparative Rates

From Toronto to Winnipeg and West the comparative rates per 100 pounds on carloads are given below. These rates apply to cordage and binder twine; heavy hardware (including bar, band, Canada plates, galvanized sheet, pipe, pipe fittings, nails, spikes, horse shoes); wire, paper, building and roofing; window glass, paints and oils; woodenware. The comparative rates follow:

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Alberta Leads Provinces of Canada in Reduction of Expenditure per Capita.



The chart printed above is copied from the issue of Financial Times, Montreal, of June 29th, 1923, and shows, year by year, the expenditure per head of the population of each of the Provinces, from 1917 to 1922. Until 1921 there was a continuous increase in the Provincial expenditure per capita in Alberta. Between the years 1921 and 1922, according to the Times' chart, the only heavy decreases in expenditure per capita were effected by the Governments of Manitoba and Alberta, while Alberta in fact exceeded every other Province of the Dominion in the extent of its reduction. As indicated, there was a steady increase in expenditure per capita in Alberta until 1921.

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JEWELERS

THE JUNIORS HOLD ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

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president, Miss Vera Carson, were most inspiring, and were received with hearty applause.

Lack of Knowledge the Real Danger

Mr. Cameron stressed the possibilities of the Junior organization, bringing out the fact that the greatest obstacle to achieving the goal of the farmers' movement is lack of knowledge. "Lack of knowledge," said the Junior President, "leads to ease of propaganda—propaganda which is so insidious in its pestilential inoculation, that its destructive influence is not felt until the stability of the whole structure is undermined. Our own lack of information is the weapon that is being used to create doubt, distrust and suspicion, to create a lack of faith in our leaders and our organization."

In conclusion, Mr. Cameron said, "I do not say that through our organization we will be able to bring about a return of the Golden Age of Pericles, or that it will prove a panacea for all existing evils, but I do maintain that through the education and co-operation of our organization we will succeed in bringing a greater measure of happiness and prosperity to ourselves, as individuals and as a community, and in so doing we will be helping to make Alberta the true land of sunshine, happiness and prosperity."

Work for Everyone

Miss Carson spoke in a most inspiring manner on the benefit which would accrue if every member of every Junior Local would just fill his own niche in his own way. The speaker pointed out that there is a work for everyone, and however small that work may be, if it is done well something worth while for the whole organization will have been accomplished.

The report of the Secretary outlined the work of the preceding year, and referred particularly to the lectures sent out by the Faculty of Agriculture and the Junior Branch Efficiency Contest. Miss Ethel Knight, being the only director present, described the organization work accomplished in East Edmonton constituency.

Following the officers' reports, short talks on the activities of the various Locals represented were given by the delegates. The following Local organizations were represented: Nanton, Spruceville, Clustre, Naco, Blindman Valley, Hazel, Floral, Loyalty, Willow Hill, Namao, Cop Hill, Broadview, East Lethbridge, Sunnyside, Cayley, Fleet, Dalemead, Bon Accord, Queenstown, Notre Dame, Asker, Poplar Lake, Waskatenau, Edson.

Officers for Coming Year

The election of officers resulted in the unanimous return to office of both the president and vice-president. Directors were elected as follows: Battle River Constituency, William Danallanko, Loyalist; Bow River, Effie Hogg, Huxley; East Calgary, Charles Hornstra, Dalemead; West Calgary, Gladys Eddie, Carstairs; Macleod, Harold Lind, Nanton; Medicine Hat, Willis Jaques, Sunnyside; Red Deer, Emil Sather, Blackfalds; Strathcona, William Zimmerman, Ponoka; East Edmonton, Walter Craig, Namao; West Edmonton, Fred Brooks, Westlock.

At the close of the afternoon session the Junior Conference Fund was distributed, the fund being sufficient to meet the full amount of each delegate's railway fare.

The evening session opened with a very practical and helpful talk by Miss Montgomery, Librarian of the Department of Extension, on the use which Locals may make of the Department's library. Suggestions were also made for the care of books and the establishment of a small reference library.

Dalemead Wins the Banner

A most impressive event of the evening was the presentation of the banner to the Local adjudged by the committee of adjudication to be the most efficiently organized Local in the Province. The decision was made on the questionnaire filled in by contesting Locals, and the winning Local was Dalemead. The committee of adjudication reported that the contest was a very close one, and that the Asker Junior Local and Namao Junior Local were considered by the committee as deserving of honorable mention. The banner, which was made of blue satin, fringed in gold, bore the monogram of the U. F. A., together with the words, "Junior Branch," in gold, was the gift of Mrs. Fraser, Convener of Young Peoples' Work, and was formally presented by her to the Dalemead delegate.

This delightful ceremony brought to a close the most successful business meeting which has yet been held by the Junior U. F. A.

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The paper, which is the work of the young people themselves, sets forth the principal events of the Conference, and contains a well-written editorial page. The editorial staff is as follows: Editor, C. R. Hornstra; assistant editor, Miss E. Knight; business manager, Donald Cameron, Jr.; reportorial staff, Miss Gladys Eddie, Miss J. Gould, Emil Sather, Rebbe Wilson, Harold Lind.

Copies of "The Junior U. F. A." may be obtained from Central Office at the price of 25 cents. The proceeds of the sale will be devoted to the Junior organization fund. All members who are interested in the progress of the Junior work, (and the development of the Junior branch is the concern of every U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Local and member throughout the Province) will find this excellent little newspaper well worthy of study.

JUNIOR U. F. A. PRESIDENT DESCRIBES ACTIVITIES AND PURPOSES OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S BRANCH OF THE ORGANIZATION

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individual in the community. They should endeavor to take their part in all community activities and cooperate in building up that community spirit which is a very necessary lubricant in our daily in-

tercourse, both from a business and a social point of view.

We can achieve the greatest results in community work by taking advantage of the facilities offered by our own organization, the U.F.A. It has gained for itself the name of being one of the biggest educational movements in the west and is an organization of which we can well be proud.

The program outlined for the Juniors is a very comprehensive one and covers a wide range of social activities as well as providing a very educational and instructive course in practical citizenship.

We hear a lot in these days of financial stress of the high cost of education—but did you ever hear anybody talking about the high cost of ignorance? Yet the cost of ignorance in our personal affairs as well as in our public life is colossal. Unless you have a well informed citizenship you will not have a well informed government, because politics and politicians are only a cross-section of the ideas and characteristics of the people who elect them, and no matter how progressive your members are they can go no faster than the rank and file of the citizens will follow. So you see that in order to raise our standards of living and bring better conditions, we must first educate the individuals who go to make up the whole.

Factor In Public Life

In the Province of Alberta the U.F.A. is the one big factor in the public life of the people of the farm, and therefore of the majority of the people, as our basic industry is agriculture. It is the medium through which most of our social activities come. It is the mirror wherein our thoughts and opinions are reflected and where our members get their only opportunity to express themselves.

The U.F.A. performs a very definite function in the life of our Province in that it is the recognized spokesman of thousands of farmers and it exerts a controlling influence on all affairs affecting the farmer. In view of that fact it would be a very great calamity to the Province and the farming community as a whole if the U.F.A. should cease to function or be allowed to die out through indifference; and this is a contingency with which we must deal right now. We must get the idea of permanence and stability infused into the organization to a much greater degree than it is at present.

Makes For Permanence

To my mind the most effective way of achieving this end is to build up the Junior organization. It is to the Juniors that we must look for our future seniors and also the future of the U.F.A.; therefore the Junior Branch becomes one of the most important branches of the U.F.A.

In order to achieve permanence of the U.F.A. the spirit of loyalty, or U.F.A.-ism, must be instilled into the boys and girls just as naturally and unconsciously as the spirit of patriotism. They should grow up with that spirit just as naturally as they grow up Presbyterians, Methodists or what you will.

I want to take this opportunity of appealing to every delegate in this Convention to co-operate with their boys and girls at home and give them every assistance in their community organization. Help them to achieve their ideals of citizenship for which your organization

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THE 1924 WHEAT CROP

According to a cablegram received from the International Institute of Agriculture the first estimate of the production of wheat in Belgium is 12,742,000 bushels against 12,590,000 last year, and that of Bulgaria is 37,967,000 against 36,224,000. Estimates have already been published for the United States and India. There is an unofficial report from Italy of 186,000,000 against 225,000,000 last year. The total forecast production of these five countries is 1,286,000,000 bushels against 1,429,000,000 last year, a decrease of 143,000,000.

A feature of the United States June crop report is the sensational decline in the wheat production of the Pacific Northwest. In the States of Washington, Oregon, California, the estimated production of wheat is 42,000,000 bushels against 75,000,000 last year. This, in the opinion of the Institute, would indicate an opportunity for larger Canadian shipments to the Orient.

SENATOR NORRIS ON THE PARTY SYSTEM

"It is virtually safe now for partisan politicians, having controlled both conventions, to sit back in their easy chair and watch the people carry on the same battle, laughing in their own sleeves while the misguided voters throughout the country grow eloquent and enthusiastic in the partisan strife, imagining that they are having something to do with the selection of the chief magistrate of the country."—Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, on the Political party system.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD UNDER FIRE IN U. S. SENATE

According to a Washington despatch a resolution by Senator Shipstead, of Minnesota, recently introduced in the United States Senate, calls for an investigation by a special Senate committee into the deflation policy carried out by the Federal Reserve Board. The resolution, which was referred to the audit committee, declared that there had been a shrinkage of \$50,000,000,000 in value of farm produce since, it was alleged, the policy of deflation was adopted by the board in 1920.

CROW'S NEST AGREEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF PORT OF VANCOUVER OF VITAL CONCERN TO PEOPLE OF WEST

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the Government are in charge of a Harbor Board of three commissioners.

APPOINTED FOR POLITICAL FEALTY

These commissioners are unfortunately appointed for their political fealty rather than for their ability to manage and develop the harbor facilities. Parliament from time to time grants sums of money for the purpose of providing required facilities. These advances of money are a first charge on the property and the rate of interest is usually 5 per cent. Efficiency in spending the money provided and the value received, determine the most of the service to the people who use the facilities.

For example, the average cost at the head of the Lakes for providing storage space for a bushel of wheat is twenty-three cents, whereas the cost of providing the same space in the new annex built onto the new elevator at Vancouver last year was 88 cents, or over four times the average cost

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at Fort William. The excuse for this excessive cost was that the work had to be rushed in order that the new building might be ready for last year's crop. Early in the present session the Harbor Board asked the Government for approximately \$17,000,000, for new Harbor works including elevators. Later it was reduced to \$12,000,000 and I now notice a Government resolution on the order paper, asking Parliament to grant to the Board the sum of \$5,000,000, quite a drop from \$17,000,000, indicating that the present Board are quite incapable of estimating the actual requirements of the port.

**OVER DEVELOPMENT WOULD
MEAN PROHIBITIVE COST**

It is imperative that sufficient facilities be provided to handle the business offered, and it is just as imperative that there shall be no over development, otherwise the cost of service will be prohibitive. A Vancouver paper announces that the Board planned to build a second annex to the present elevator with a capacity of one million bushels at a cost of one million dollars. It is possible that the cost of building at the Coast may be slightly higher than at the head of the Lakes, but before Parliament grants this money, an explanation should be given as to the reason for this excessive cost. The grain passing through the elevators pays for the cost and upkeep, therefore it is necessary that the cost of building must be reasonable, otherwise the handling charges will be high. The Board of Grain Commissioners have no control over the handling charges. This is left to the Harbor Board and the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The only control the Board of Grain Commissioners have in this case is the inspection and weighing of grain. The Harbor Board is not allowed to buy or sell grain, but can only use the elevators for terminal storage purposes. This means that there has been no mixing of grades as at Fort William and Port Arthur. British buyers have expressed their satisfaction at the high quality and the uniformity of grades of wheat bought at the Port of Vancouver. This satisfaction is expressed in a very tangible manner, in as much as they are usually willing to pay a premium on contract grades via the Western route.

PUBLIC CREDIT FOR

PRIVATE EXPLOITATION

Thanks to the action of the Harbor Board all this will be changed in the future. The Board have bought the site and foundation of the Woodward elevator, and propose to complete it at an estimated cost of \$650,000. The Board instead of using this elevator for terminal storage purposes have leased it to a company known as the Oriental Grain Company for a period of twenty-one years. This company is composed mainly of Edmonton Liberals, including Mayor Blatchford, who in his address of welcome to the delegates attending the U. F. A. Convention last January, stated how interested he was in the welfare of the Alberta farmer and how hard he was working to make the Western grain route a success. This company is not investing any of its own money for building purposes; the Board has privately asked bond houses for bids for the purchase of Harbor Board bonds. The point is that public credit is being used in financing the building, and when completed it is going to be used for private exploitation. The lease contains a clause permitting the lessees to buy and sell grain, and this in the final analysis means that it will become a private terminal elevator with all the privileges of a private terminal, including that of mixing.

The report of the Board of Grain Commissioners furnished to the special committee of the House of Commons enquiring into agricultural conditions at the last session of Parliament, gives ample proof of what it costs the Western grain growers in granting mixing privileges to private terminals. Space will not permit me to deal with other important matters relating to the Western route including freight rates. However, let me remind the readers of "The U. F. A." that vigilance is the price of liberty. Let us therefore be vigilant.

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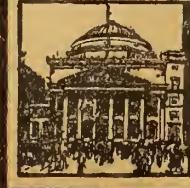
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Group of Farmer Members Withdraw From Caucus of the Progressive Party

Nine Members Have Ceased to Attend the Caucus, States Press Dispatch—Letter Signed by Six, Together With Reply of Robert Forke, Progressive Leader, Published

According to a despatch which appeared in the *Calgary Albertan* of June 20th, a group of nine Farmer members of the House of Commons have definitely left the Progressive caucus, and it is anticipated that this number will be increased to a dozen or more. Six of these members set forth the reasons for their decision in a letter to Mr. Robert Forke. In this letter, which the *Albertan* published in full, the members expressed the opinion that the present Parliamentary organization of the Progressives "tends to perpetuate the type of partyism" which they "were elected to oppose."

Signed by Six Members

The letter was signed by M. N. Campbell, Mackenzie, Man.; Robert Gardiner, Medicine Hat, Alta.; E. J. Garland, Bow River, Alta.; Donald M. Kennedy, West Edmonton; Miss Agnes Macphail, Southeast Grey, Ont., and Henry E. Spencer, Battle River, Alta. The despatch described George G. Coote, U. F. A. member for Macleod, as one of the leaders of the group, and stated that although his name was not found on the official document, he had left the caucus, and had given his own private reasons for so doing, while L. H. Jelliff, U. F. A. member for Lethbridge, had not definitely decided upon his course of action. It was announced that W. C. Good, U. F. O. member for Brant, and Preston Elliott, U. F. O. member for Dundas, had also left the Progressive caucus. Alberta members, it was stated, had threatened this action for three sessions, but had held on in the hope that co-operation with the Progressive caucus would be found possible.

Forke Says No Divergence

For the information of readers of "The U. F. A." the letter to Mr. Forke, and his reply, which appeared in the papers of the following day, are reprinted in full in this issue. With rare exceptions the daily press failed to publish the letter of the six members, though a few extracts from it were quoted. Mr. Forke's reply was generally quoted in full. Mr. Forke averred that "it is not true that the group has diverged in any respect from the principles for which it has stood from the first."

On June 20th, the day upon which the letters appeared in the press, a news despatch from Ottawa announced that the withdrawal of the members from the caucus "would probably lead to an important and probably unexpected development", as three of them, Messrs. Garland and Spencer and Miss Macphail, were members of the Committee on Banking and Commerce, and their group "would not be entitled—such is the position taken among the main body of the Progressives—to have three members on the Banking Committee. They cannot be outside the Progressive Parliamentary party, it was authoritatively stated today, and at the same time appear on the committees with the rest of the Progressive authority behind them."

Predicts Further Withdrawals

A despatch from J. A. Stevenson, the Ottawa correspondent of the *Winnipeg Tribune*, and well-known as the former Ottawa correspondent of the *Grain Growers' Guide*, stated that the members who have withdrawn from the caucus could "count on the immediate co-operation of Messrs. Coote, Good and Preston Elliott", and that "completely sympathetic to the malcontents are people like Ward of Dauphin; Lewis of Swift Current and Bancroft of Selkirk, and their migration is not likely to be long delayed." It was also stated that a group which included "men like John Evans of Saskatoon, Sales of Tantallon and Bird of Dauphin" were dissatisfied but feared the consequences of division. The writer states, while

Mr. Forke desired to follow a conciliatory policy, one of the most prominent of the Progressives had clamantly demanded at successive Ottawa caucuses the complete "excommunication" of the members who have now withdrawn from the caucus, and their condemnation by "bell, book and candle", but that this action had tended to increase the number of "prospective recruits" to the group which has withdrawn, as there were a number of others who "were at heart in sympathy with them."

The letters, as originally published in the press, were as follows:

THE MEMBERS' LETTER

Dear Mr. Forke:

With the kindest feelings toward yourself and after very careful and deliberate consideration, we, the undersigned, hereby inform you that we do not propose henceforth to attend the caucus of the Parliamentary group, of which you are the leader, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding, we herein set forth the reasons which have led to our action and to which we propose to give full publicity.

Protest Against Party System

Our first duty is to our constituents and to the democratic principles of the political movement which they so heroically inaugurated. That new political movement began among the farmers: it was indeed the political expression of various farmer organizations throughout Canada. Negatively it represents a two-fold protest, a protest against the economic burdens that have been piled upon the agricultural industry as the result of forty years of class government; and a protest against a party system organized and dominated from the top, and by means of which the financial and commercial interests have retained power for so long. Positively it represents a noble effort to give effect in the political field to that co-operative philosophy which has not only constituted an outstanding characteristic of farmers' movements, but which is the world's best hope of saving civilization.

Did Not Desire Another Party on Old Model

There was, we believe, nothing further from the minds of our constituents than the building of another party machine after the model of the old. That this might be made clear the farmers' organizations, owing to whose activities we find ourselves here, formulated their own political program, did their own political organizing and financing, selected and elected us, and commissioned us to co-operate with all parties, groups or individuals, in order to carry our principles into effect.

Two Kinds of Organization

As we see it there are two species of political organization: one the "political party" that aspires to power, and in so doing inevitably perpetuates that competitive spirit in matter of legislation and government generally which has brought the world well nigh to ruin; the other is the democratically organized group which aims to co-operate with other groups to secure justice rather than to compete with them for power. It is as representatives of this latter type that we take our stand, and in doing so not only remain true to our convictions, but have regard also to the obligations which we undertook to the farmers' organizations in our constituency. Our task is to represent our constituents by co-operating in Parliament with all parties and groups so as to secure the best possible legislation for Canada as a whole.

Principles Departed From

In our opinion the principles above out-

lined, to which we adhere, have been departed from, and in this connection we desire to draw your attention to a few among the many incidents of the past few years. You will undoubtedly recall that as far back as the Saskatoon and Toronto conferences following the 1921 election, and subsequently at the Winnipeg conference, some difference of opinion and viewpoint was apparent as to the purpose, method of action and future of the new political movement then and there represented.

Tends to Perpetuate Partyism

The divergence of viewpoint then evident has persisted: indeed has been, we believe, accentuated. Moreover, in our opinion the present Parliamentary organization of the Progressive group tends to perpetuate the type of partyism already described and which we were elected to oppose, and to hamper us in the advocacy of those principles to which we adhere. Some of us have made attempts to secure reorganization of the group on a different basis, but without results.

Bearing in mind the fact that each constituency represented by us is autonomous in the nomination, election, financing and control of its member, it should be evident that it is impossible to secure our support for the formation of a political party organization on the old lines involving majority rule in caucus whip domination, responsibility for leaders statements and action and so forth.

Paralyzed Fight on Bank Act

The effort—perhaps unconscious—to build a solid political party out of our group has been distressing and paralyzing. As an example, you will recall the situation last year when the Bank Act was under consideration in Parliament. After the caucus had agreed, without objection, to support those of its members who were putting up a strenuous fight in committee for what they considered necessary financial reforms, a sudden change of attitude took place and the majority actually hindered the minority from putting up such a fight on the floor of the house as circumstances demanded. As notice had been given to the Government of our intention to oppose with all our strength the granting of bank charters for a 10-year period, the minority had to accept a defeat or break the majority.

Marked Divergence of Viewpoint

You will readily recall similar instances of past differences of opinion struggling against old party proprieties and conventions: the question of our immigration policy, this year's budget, and so forth, culminating in the recent action of the majority endorsing a proposal to send a Parliamentary delegation to the British Empire Exhibition at the public expense. The divergence of viewpoint has been so marked that it would seem in the best interests of the movement that we be left free from constraint to work for the cause, independently of the present Parliamentary organization. Such a course, we believe, would enable us to co-operate more harmoniously and freely with those who remain in the Progressive group and who are in agreement with us on any particular issues.

To Preserve Virility of Movement

It is with a full realization of our (duty to) our constituents and for the purpose of preserving the virility and independence of the political movement of the organized farmers of Canada that we now feel it necessary to take such action as has been indicated. We desire, however, to make it perfectly clear that we are free to co-operate with all

others, and invite and welcome the assistance and support of those of all parties who genuinely desire legislation such as will best promote the interest of Canada as a whole.

M. N. Campbell, Mackenzie.
Robt. Gardiner, Medicine Hat.
E. J. Garland, Bow River, Alta.
Donald M. Kennedy, West Edmonton.
Agnes C. Macphail, Southeast Grey.
H. E. Spencer, Battle River.

MR. FORKE'S REPLY

OTTAWA, June 20, 1924

Miss Macphail and Gentlemen:

Your communication of June 14th has been duly transmitted to the members of the Progressive party in Parliament.

While no one can question your right to take the course you propose, the Progressive members regret that you have seen fit to withdraw from the caucus for reasons which they cannot but regard as unsubstantial and inconclusive. When you say that the Progressive group in Parliament has departed from its fundamental principles they must emphatically deny the allegation. Whatever interpretation you may have placed on the attitude or action of your colleagues, it is not true that the group has diverged in any respect from the principles for which it has stood from the first. The principle of constituency autonomy, involving methods of organization in the country, does not affect the organization of the group in Parliament and has nowhere been departed from.

The instances which you adduce in support of your contentions resulted from the expressions of various sectional viewpoints, but these divergences did not involve a departure from Progressive principles. They were, rather, the honest expressions of opinions of men who, like yourselves, are responsible to their constituencies. Moreover, they were mainly differences concerning matters of procedure and other questions, which in no sense touch the principles to which we adhere in common. To interpret such instances as a departure from Progressive principles is quite gratuitous and not a little unfair to those with whom you were then associated.

Parliamentary Organization

The differences between us would appear to arise in connection with our Parliamentary organization. Three years ago the Progressive members adopted the usual form of Parliamentary organization, with leader, whip and caucus, but they by no means became servile to it. The meetings of the caucus have been held in exactly the same spirit and manner as the meetings of our Local organizations and conventions at home. They have possessed the same strength and the same weakness, neither more nor less.

Whip Domination Distasteful

Whip domination, autocratic leadership and majority coercion would be as distasteful to us as to you, but no endeavor has been made to establish them, neither has any attempt been made, as you suggest, to build up a solid political party on the old lines. Only time, experience and continued association of the various sections of the party will produce the ideal Parliamentary organization. Your objections to the present form of organization seem to us to be caused rather by suspicion and personal sensibilities than by anything fundamental. They arise in every organization where men have full liberty of expression and will appear in any that might be substituted for the present caucus. Unity of purpose and of action and a definite Parliamentary organization are essential to any effective action in the House of Commons and to the attainment of the practical reforms which our constituents look to us to pursue.

We trust that further consideration may lead you to the realization that co-operation from without the group can never be as effective for our common purposes as united action within it. Yours very truly,
(Signed) R. FORKE.

On behalf of the Progressive group.

The letter is addressed to Miss Agnes C. Macphail and Messrs. Robert Gardiner, E. J. Garland, Donald M. Kennedy, Henry E. Spencer and M. N. Campbell.

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Winnipeg	\$.74	\$ 1.14	54.0		
Port. la Prairie	.84½	1.22	44.4		
Brandon	.91	1.32	45.1		
Regina	1.11½	1.55	39.0		
Swift Current	1.20½	1.71	41.9		
Saskatoon	1.36	1.68	23.5		
Lethbridge	1.35	1.92	42.2		
Medicine Hat	1.30½	1.83	40.2		
Red Deer	1.57½	2.03	28.9		
Calgary	1.39½	2.00	43.4		
Edmonton	1.66½	2.00	20.1		

On Agricultural Implements:

To—	1898	Present	Inc.	Jan. 1,	p.c.
Winnipeg	\$.68½	\$.82½	20.4		
Port. la Prairie	.74½	.88½	18.8		
Brandon	.80	.97½	21.9		
Regina	.97	1.28	32.0		
Swift Current	1.06½	1.42½	33.8		
Saskatoon	1.16½	1.39½	19.7		
Lethbridge	1.21	1.62½	34.0		
Medicine Hat	1.15½	1.54½	33.8		
Red Deer	1.41	1.69½	20.2		
Calgary	1.25½	1.66½	32.7		
Edmonton	1.48	1.66½	12.5		

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To—	1898	Present	Inc.	Jan. 1,	p.c.
Winnipeg	\$.89	\$ 1.38½	55.6		
Port. la Prairie	1.00½	1.47½	46.8		
Brandon	1.08	1.58½	46.8		
Regina	1.27½	1.85½	45.5		
Swift Current	1.37½	2.01½	46.5		
Saskatoon	1.54½	1.98½	28.5		
Lethbridge	1.53½	2.25½	46.9		
Medicine Hat	1.47½	2.16½	46.8		
Red Deer	1.78	2.37½	33.4		
Calgary	1.58	2.34½	48.4		
Edmonton	1.88	2.34½	24.7		

On Fresh Fruits:

To—	1898	Present	Inc.	Jan. 1,	p.c.
Winnipeg	\$.83½	\$ 1.29½	55.1		
Port. la Prairie	.96½	1.48½	53.9		
Brandon	1.04	1.60	53.6		
Regina	1.27½	1.95½	53.3		
Swift Current	1.37½	2.01½	46.5		
Saskatoon	1.54½	1.98½	28.5		
Lethbridge	1.53½	2.25½	46.9		
Medicine Hat	1.47½	2.16½	46.8		
Red Deer	1.58½	2.41½	52.4		
Calgary	1.58½	2.41½	52.4		
Edmonton	1.88½	2.41½	28.0		

On Green Apples:

To—	1898	Present	Inc.	Jan. 1,	p.c.
Winnipeg	\$.55	\$.85	54.5		
Port. la Prairie	.63	.97	54.0		
Brandon	.67½	1.04	54.1		
Regina	.83	1.27	53.0		
Swift Current	.89½	1.37	53.1		
Saskatoon	1.01	1.34½	33.2		
Lethbridge	1.00	1.52½	52.5		
Medicine Hat	.97	1.48	52.6		
Red Deer	1.17	1.65	41.0		
Calgary	1.03½	1.58	52.7		
Edmonton	1.23½	1.58	27.9		

On Coal Oil.

To—	1898	Present	Inc.	Jan. 1,	p.c.
Winnipeg	\$.65½	\$ 1.01	54.2		
Port. la Prairie	.75	1.15	53.3		
Brandon	.81	1.24	53.1		
Regina	.99	1.51	52.5		
Swift Current	1.07	1.63	52.3		
Saskatoon	1.21	1.61	33.1		
Lethbridge	1.20	1.82½	52.1		
Medicine Hat	1.16	1.76½	60.8		
Red Deer	1.40	2.03	45.0		
Calgary	1.24	1.88½	52.0		
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Oliver Fights for Suspension

If an attempt be made to suspend the agreement for a further term, no doubt the fight on the floor of the House of Commons will be in progress during the week when this issue of "The U.F.A." is received by our readers. It is of interest to note that Premier Oliver, of British Columbia, and his Government have made very determined efforts to induce the Ottawa Government to suspend the agreement, and thus to deprive the Prairie Provinces of the rates to which they are entitled under a contract in respect to which the railways have obtained great concessions from the people.

If the people of Alberta are to obtain the advantages of competition between the eastern and Western routes, it is of the most vital concern that the Crow's Nest Pass rates shall be restored. Failing their restoration there can be no guarantee that the producers and consumers of this Province will be able to obtain the benefits which they are entitled to receive as a result of the opening up of the Western route.

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stands and in doing this you will not only be helping the young people but yourselves as well.

An organization, just as an individual, must have a definite purpose in life, and should stick to it steadfastly and courageously no matter how distant its final achievement appears, otherwise it becomes as a ship without a rudder, mere driftwood, tossed hither and thither by the ever changing currents of public opinion and is eventually lost.

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Men Who Hold Lease Woodward Elevator, Vancouver

The directors of the Oriental Grain Company, to which reference is made by Robert Gardiner, M.P., is an article published elsewhere in this issue are as follows:

K. A. Blatchford, insurance adjuster and mayor of Edmonton.

P. E. Lessard, general merchant, Edmonton, former Liberal M.L.A. for St. Paul.

J. K. Cornwall, manager of the Northern Trading Company, formerly Liberal member for Peace River.

A. Boileau, shoe merchant, Edmonton.

S. G. Tobin, Edmonton, Liberal member for Leduc.

Of the share capital \$20,000 is paid-up. There is nothing to show that the company has any assets except the lease.

In evidence before the Grain Inquiry Board, Mayor Blatchford stated that if mixing were permitted it was the intention of the company to engage in this practice, hitherto unknown at the Pacific Coast.

IRRIGATION CONVENTION

The eighteenth annual convention of the Western Canada Irrigation Association will be held in Calgary on July 29th, 30th and 31st.

EDITORIAL

(Continued From Page 1) quantities of goods to the creditor countries, and under the present financial system they cannot afford to accept them, because to do so means to introduce cut-throat competition with their own producers. The situation is clearly set forth by the Christian Science Monitor, which shows that Germany must export three times as much as her present imports before she can pay anything.

The only group of interests which will benefit by the execution of the Dawes' report are the international financiers, whose power is already too great.

PRINCIPLES AND INTEREST
(The Progressive, Saskatoon)

It is not often that a newspaper has the temerity to come boldly forth, advocating that principles are well enough at election time, but if they should happen to conflict with personal interest, they should be hastily discarded. And yet this is what the Farm and Ranch Review (Calgary) does in an editorial of recent date in commenting on the stand of certain Alberta Progressive members of the House of Commons in connection with the question of importing oleomargarine into Canada. Says the Farm and Ranch Review:

The members for Alberta in the House of Commons appear to be seriously worried over the proposed exclusion of oleomargarine. They are "bears" on principles. They were elected as free-traders, and as free-traders they will apparently die! Farmers are writing them urging support of the proposal to prohibit the sale of oleomargarine in Canada, but there are "principles" at stake, they say. They have sat in the house this session and seen several supporters of the present administration crossing the floor on the tariff reduction issue because it affected their constituencies. But they appear to have learned very little. They have not yet realized, that an exclusive diet of "principles" is less sustaining to the human frame than even oleomargarine. The Western farmer has butter to sell and not "principles," about which he is not particularly worried at present. He wants a decent market for his butter, and does not see why substitution of an inferior imitation should be permitted. Anyone who wishes to grow cocoanuts, out of which the vegetable oil contained in oleo is made should move to the South Sea Islands, where he can indulge in his fancy to his heart's content. Of course it is a species of 'protection,' so our members argue, and, therefore, is taboo under the Progressive platform made in Winnipeg, chiefly by officials of the commercial companies.

To sum all this up, it simply means that The Farm and Ranch Review, the circulation of which is permitted through the mails, advises members of parliament to forget all about their principles and grab what they can. The ideal member of parliament, according to the views of The F. and R. R., would be a highly talented man permitting no scruples of any kind to stand in the way of securing some material aid for himself and his constituents. See him there in the noble edifice where Canada's great men do the business of the nation—smooth-tongued and sleek; a copy of the Bible in one pocket; Robert Ingersoll in the other; the ten commandments up his sleeve; a gun hidden away in his belt; a framed copy of the Golden Rule around his neck; a flask of rye in his inside his pocket; a flask of rye in his inside pocket; a receipt for membership in the prohibition league sticking out of his vest-pocket; oil on his hair; spikes in his shoes; Stars and Stripes draped down his back and the Union Jack foisted over his armoured stomach, a preacher on Sundays, a roysterer on Mondays; a fine, upstanding, young snake-in-the-grass, with no principles at all, but a very definite aptitude for grabbing something that he shouldn't have.

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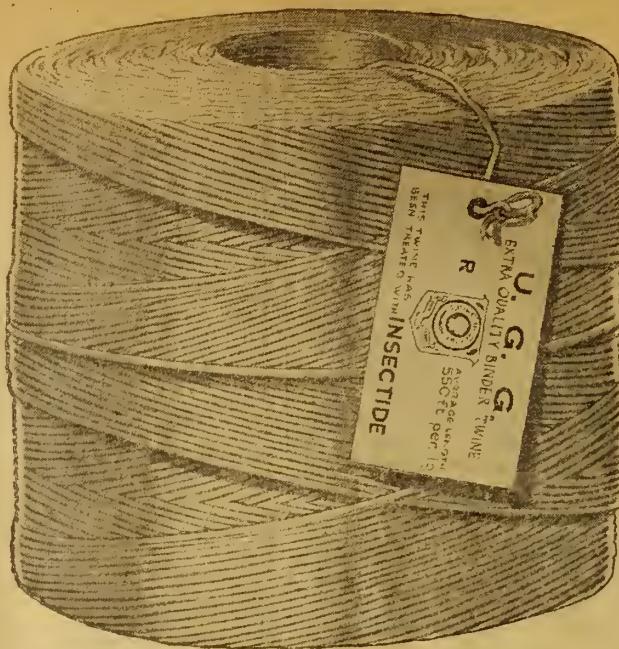
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